



ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Council Communications
Atlanta City Hall
55 Trinity Ave. SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

CONTACT:

Dexter M. Chambers, Director
Atlanta City Council Office of Communications
(404)-330-6309-Direct/(404)-392-0159-Cell
dchambers@atlantaga.gov Email

April 11, 2016

**Statement from Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond on the death of
community activist Barney Simms**

"I am aggrieved at the news of the passing of Barney Simms who was a great friend and mentor to me over the years. He was an extremely prominent figure in our community and at our church, Antioch North and he was the epitome of not only a professional man but of a man and what it means to be a man in every positive sense.

He stood up to work in his community on a volunteer basis and he cared about what was going on with others that are less fortunate and he acted to do something about it, he didn't just observe the problems of the world he worked to eradicate them. He will be sorely missed by the Atlanta community.. " – **Michael Julian Bond, Atlanta City Council, Post 1- At- Large**